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**From:** Szelag, Matthew [Szelag.Matthew@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 2/18/2021 8:17:29 PM  
**To:** LaCroix, Matthew [LaCroix.Matthew@epa.gov]; Grandinetti, Cami [Grandinetti.Cami@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Bristol Bay Career Leadership Bi-weekly Check-in  
**Attachments:** Overview of Request for Appeal Arguments.docx

Hi Matt,

Thanks for providing this summary. I'm looping in Cami as she is going to help lead the meeting agenda development going forward while I'm on detail.

At this point, my recommendation would be to include this information as an agenda topic and attachment to the invite if we hold next week's meeting.

If that meeting gets cancelled since there are no other updates, I think it is a good idea to send this via email to the career leadership group for their information. Cami – I'm happy to do that if you'd like or it could be done as part of the messaging around not having the meeting. Please let me know.

Thanks,

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**From:** LaCroix, Matthew <LaCroix.Matthew@epa.gov>  
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**To:** Szelag, Matthew <Szelag.Matthew@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Bristol Bay Career Leadership Bi-weekly Check-in

Matt,

Good morning. The attached document includes the summary statements from the arguments in PLP and the State of Alaska's Requests for Appeal and in PLP's Request for Reconsideration of Compensation with commentary on some of the arguments. As entitled, it is an overview of these documents and the arguments therein, and is a much quicker read. The RFAs and RFR are available for those who desire a deeper dive into individual arguments.

Additional commentary can be provided on specific topics if desired by members of the career leadership group.

A very high-level summary of the primary appeal arguments is:

1. **The FEIS did not conclude that the project would cause significant degradation.** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

2. **The District should have applied Alaska-specific compensation guidance.** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

3. **The FEIS did not conclude the project was not in the public interest.** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Thanks,

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Hi Matt and Caitlin,

I am thinking that I can combine the appeal summary and FOIA summary to the career leadership group in one message, so please send those along to me when they are ready. No rush on my end, I don't think it's urgent.

Thank you!

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-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Szelag, Matthew  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2020 1:28 PM  
**To:** Li, Beverly; Barger, Cindy; Tomiak, Robert; Wehling, Carrie; Chung, Angela; Goodin, John; Neugeboren, Steven; Barnhart, Megan; Szelag, Matthew; McGrath, Patricia; Hough, Palmer; Nalven, Heidi; Vaughan, Molly; Steiner-Riley, Cara; Lindsay, Andrea; Skadowski, Suzanne; Fordham, Tami; Kaiser, Russell; Frazer, Brian; LaCroix, Matthew; Hoppe, Allison; Schaedle, Candi; Marshall, Tom; Opalski, Dan; Grandinetti, Cami; Rountree, Marthea; Baca, Andrew; Jensen, Amy A.; Simpson, Jonathan; Soden, Caitlin; Johnson, Patrick; Brown, Leah; Croxton, David; Pepple, Karl  
**Cc:** Miller, Clay  
**Subject:** Bristol Bay Career Leadership Bi-weekly Check-in  
**When:** Wednesday, February 10, 2021 10:00 AM-11:00 AM (UTC-09:00) Alaska.  
**Where:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

#### Topics

- Briefing paper (see attached)
  - Discussion of issues that may prompt EPA action
- Appeals update
  - The state of Alaska and PLP's appeals are also attached.
- FOIA update
- Coverage during Matt's detail

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